

dependent on ADAP for their life-saving HIV/AIDS medication, plus the 10,000 more who are likely to be added next year.

The 6-year historical ADAP underfunding is evident in the growing waiting lists, unacceptable eligibility rules and insufficient medication.

Current initiatives emphasis testing, which, I agree, is critical to addressing this epidemic. However, as a doctor, I am troubled by the ethics of testing Americans for HIV when we are not guaranteeing them access to treatment.

I am also disturbed that this underfunding will primarily impact low-income, uninsured Americans who are disproportionately from communities of color. And as a Member of Congress, I am ashamed that we are not doing all that we could and should to take care of the needs of all Americans with HIV disease.

I call on my colleagues to support full funding for Ryan White, including the \$986.5 million level as identified by the National ADAP Working Group. Only by fully funding ADAP will we step up to our public health responsibility to treat all HIV positive Americans.

HONORING VETERANS ON THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there are no greater patriots than our veterans and those who proudly wear the uniform today.

On this day, 62 years ago, 3,393 brave, young American men lost their life storming the beaches of Normandy in defense of freedom. We must never forget their sacrifice.

I rise today, June 6, to say thank you to the greatest generation.

Today, our generation is faced with a similar choice, sit on the sidelines or defend freedom. And like World War II, our Nation has once again chosen to answer the call. America will always be freedom's defender.

D-Day was a turning point for Allied Forces in the European Theater, and 3 years after America joined the global war, victory seemed attainable.

I am honored to represent over 100 D-Day survivors, and I plan to call some of them today and let them know how grateful I am for their service. I encourage all Americans to reach out to a veteran today and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CUTS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON NEED RETHINKING

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, everyone knows that on September 11, 2001, near-

ly 3,000 New Yorkers were killed in the attack on the World Trade Center and, of course, several hundred as well here in Washington at the Pentagon. Yet the Department of Homeland Security has chosen to cut both New York and Washington by 40 percent of Homeland security funds for this year. It is absolutely mind-boggling and unbelievable and outrageous that New York and Washington would face these cuts. New York's money is scheduled to go down from \$207.6 million in 2005 to \$124.5 million in 2006.

Now, to add insult to injury, we hear that the Department of Homeland Security is cutting New York's bioterrorism money 15 percent as well, so that in New York, per capita New York would receive \$2.99 per resident to fight bioterrorism, while the good people of Wyoming would receive \$9.72 cents per person to fight bioterrorism, and the good people of North Dakota would receive \$8.09 per person to fight terrorism.

We all know the threat in North Dakota and Wyoming is not nearly as great as New York. What is Secretary Chertoff thinking? What are they thinking over there? Their policies and their thoughts need to change.

CONGRATULATING UPSON-LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THOMASTON, GEORGIA

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Upson-Lee Middle School in Thomaston, Georgia, on being recognized as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform.

This award recognizes Upson-Lee's academic excellence, especially the school's commitment to challenging every student's mind. Upson-Lee was one of only 82 schools nationwide to receive this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Upson-Thomaston Superintendent Howard Hendley, Upson-Lee Principal Patsy Dean and all the Upson-Lee teachers, administrators and parents for the dedicated work on behalf of Georgia's children.

As a former school board chairman, I know the importance of a good middle school education. Our children learn more when they are inspired by the leadership of teachers and principals, and Upson-Lee is doing a great job inspiring the youth of Thomaston.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Upson-Lee Middle School on this exciting recognition.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 26, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 26, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1953.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5401.

That the Senate passed S. 633.

That the Senate passed S. 2784.

That the Senate passed S. 2856.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 435 note), and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years:

Admiral William O. Studeman, Great Falls, Virginia.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP DOING RIGHT THING ON IMMIGRATION

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, we have all just returned from being in our districts talking with our constituents about the issues that are important to them.

One thing that I have heard over and over in my district, Mr. Speaker, is border security. This is an issue that my constituents and Americans care about. This is an issue where they want to see some action. It is the problem that most of them want to see us address, and they will not accept any sort of amnesty for those who have chosen to enter this country by breaking the law.

We need to secure the border. We need to get a hold on illegal entry into this country. That is the number one priority. And I thank the House leadership for doing the right thing on this issue. Chairman SENSENBRENNER has passed a good, solid bill that addresses the problem. The Senate has not. The American people know it.

We look forward to continuing this debate and encouraging all to join in securing the border as our first step toward controlling illegal entry into this great Nation.